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Federal Communications Commission
 c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
 445 12th Street, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WT 11-65: In the matter of applications of AT&T, Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Vandalia, Illinois is proud of its history, its heritage and its workforce. As we chart our next decade, it is clear we need new tools to further our economic development. Perhaps one of the most important tools is advanced communication technology. I welcome the merger of AT&T with T-Mobile because it will facilitate the delivery of LTE wireless broadband to rural communities like ours.

More and more people are trading their home phones and desktop computers for wireless smartphones and tablet computers. Yet, many communities like Vandalia are not linked to the fourth generation wireless network and, as such, cannot offer our citizens or our businesses the ability to use the most modern communication tools. For example, in cities that have LTE wireless, an engineer in the field can use a tablet computer with a specific application designed for precise measurements. Without advanced wireless, the data cannot be uploaded because it is too large and cumbersome for older networks to support.

When companies are looking for new home locations, or to expand into new territories, we cannot compete with cities that have the most state-of-the-art LTE wireless broadband. Without curing this disadvantage, we will miss out on opportunities to grow our economic base and bring new jobs to the region.

AT&T's investment in the wireless infrastructure upon completion of this merger is significant. The company will spend its own capital to finance the build out of an advanced 4G network and extend coverage to 55 million Americans.

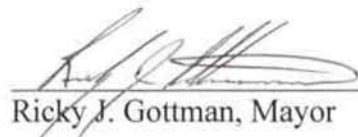
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On behalf of the people of Vandalia, Illinois, I ask that you consider the economic development opportunities that will result from the merger and grant approval to AT&T's application to merge with T-Mobile.

Sincerely,
THE CITY OF VANDALIA


Ricky J. Gottman, Mayor

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